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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ("USPTO")**

**First Named Inventor:** Masafumi DOUNOUE      **Confirmation No.:** 5477

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**Title:** BUSINESS MANAGEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2008, whose period for response is to expire on December 15, 2008, kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below. In view of the same as well as the following remarks, kindly reconsider and further examine the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.